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Annotations

Item 1. Opening of the session

The twenty-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the representative of the Secretary-General.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the agenda shall be adopted by the Committee at the beginning of its session. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

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At its twenty-eighth session, the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its twenty-ninth session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda (CEDAW/C/2003/II/1)

Item 3. Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

Item 4. Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in this respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and whenever the Committee so requests.

At its twenty-eighth session, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of a balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, the Committee decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to this request.

At its twenty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the combined initial second and third and the fourth periodic reports of Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/CRI/4); the combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports of Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/1-5); the second periodic report of Morocco (CEDAW/C/MOR/2); the second and third periodic reports of Slovenia (CEDAW/C/SVN/2 and CEDAW/C/SVN/3); the combined third and fourth and the fifth periodic reports of France (CEDAW/C/FRA/3, CEDAW/C/FRA/3-4/Corr.1 and CEDAW/C/FRA/5); the combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Ecuador (CEDAW/C/ECU/4-5); the fourth and fifth periodic reports of Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/4 and CEDAW/C/JPN/5); and the fifth periodic report of New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/5).

Rule 51 of the Committee's rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its twenty-ninth session.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee. At its twenty-ninth session, the

Committee therefore will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2003/II/2).

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to periodic reports for transmission to the States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the twenty-ninth session met in New York from 4 to 8 February 2003. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the list of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2003/II/CRP.1, CEDAW/PSWG/2003/II/CRP.2 and addenda).

Documentation

Combined initial, second and third, and fourth periodic reports of Costa Rica (CEDAW/C/CRI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/CRI/4)

Combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports of Brazil (CEDAW/C/BRA/1-5)

Second periodic report of Morocco (CEDAW/C/MOR/2)

Second and third periodic reports of Slovenia (CEDAW/C/SVN/2 and CEDAW/C/SVN/3)

Combined third and fourth and the fifth periodic reports of France (CEDAW/C/FRA/3, CEDAW/C/FRA/3-4/Corr.1 and CEDAW/C/FRA/5)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic reports of Ecuador (CEDAW/C/ECU/4-5)

Fourth and fifth periodic reports of Japan (CEDAW/C/JPN/4) and (CEDAW/C/JPN/5)

Fifth periodic report of New Zealand (CEDAW/C/NZL/5)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/PSWG/2003/II/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Ecuador), Add.2 (France), Add.3 (Japan), Add.4 (Morocco), Add.5 (New Zealand) and Add.6 (Slovenia))

Responses to the lists of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2002/II/CRP.2 and Add.1 (Ecuador), Add.2 (France), Add.3 (Japan), Add.4 (Morocco), Add.5 (New Zealand) and Add.6 (Slovenia))

Item 5. Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States parties.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

Article 22 of the Convention provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its twenty-ninth session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2003/II/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of the specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2003/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2003/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2003/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2003/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2002/II/3/Add.4)

Item 6. Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

For each session, the Secretariat prepares a report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2003/II/4).

Under this item, the Committee will also consider the report of the Working Group on the Optional Protocol (CEDAW/C/2003/II/WP.5).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2003/II/4)

Text of a draft general recommendation on article 4.1 of the Convention on special temporary measures (CEDAW/C/2003/II/WP.1)

Background paper containing an analysis of the travaux préparatoires on article 6 of the Convention and the jurisprudence of the Committee in respect of prostitution and trafficking, based on its concluding comments (CEDAW/C/II/WP.2)

Background paper compiling information on the jurisprudence, if any, of other treaty bodies concerning the aspect of sexual orientation as it relates to discrimination and the enjoyment of human rights (CEDAW/C/2003/II/WP.3)

Background paper containing a compilation of profiles of non-reporting States, including long-term, medium-term and short-term non-reporting States, in order to facilitate the Committee's analysis of the root causes of non-reporting (CEDAW/C/II/WP.4)

Report of the Working Group on the Optional Protocol (CEDAW/C/2003/II/WP.5)

Item 7. Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session

The draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee is approved at the end of each session.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirtieth session of the Committee

Item 8. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-ninth session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Monday, 30 June 2003		
609th meeting		
10 a.m.	**Item 1**	Opening of the session
	Item 2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	Item 3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Committee
	Item 5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	Item 6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-4 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6**	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 1 July 2003		
610th meeting		**Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18**
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Brazil, combined initial, second, third, fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/BRA/1-5)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts
611th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Brazil (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 2 July 2003		
612th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Costa Rica, combined initial, second and third and fourth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/CRI/1-3 and CEDAW/C/CRI/4)
10.30-11.15 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
11.15 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
613th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Costa Rica (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 3 July 2003		
614th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	France, combined third and fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/FRA/3, CEDAW/C/FRA/3-4/Corr.1 and CEDAW/C/FRA/5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
615th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	France (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 4 July 2003 — HOLIDAY		
Monday, 7 July 2003		
9 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		**Working Group of the Whole: discussion of a draft General Recommendation on article 4.1 of the Convention**
3-5 p.m. (closed)		**Discussion on article 4.1 of the Convention** (continued)
5-6 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
Tuesday, 8 July 2003		
616th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Japan, fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/JPN/4 and CEDAW/C/JPN/5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
617th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Japan (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Wednesday, 9 July 2003		
618th meeting		
10 a.m.-12 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Replies (Costa Rica)
12-1 p.m. (closed)		Working Group of the Whole
619th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Replies (Brazil)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 10 July 2003		
620th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Slovenia, second and third periodic reports (CEDAW/C/SVN/2 and CEDAW/C/SVN/3)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
621st meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Slovenia (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)		Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 11 July 2003		
622nd meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Ecuador, combined fourth and fifth periodic reports (CEDAW/C/ECU/4-5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
623rd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Ecuador (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Monday, 14 July 2003		
624th meeting		
10-10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	New Zealand, fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/NZL/5)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by the experts and dialogue with the Committee
625th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	New Zealand (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 15 July 2003		
626th meeting		
10.30 a.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Morocco, second periodic report (CEDAW/C/MOR/2)
		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
627th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**Item 4** (continued)	Morocco (continued)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 16 July 2003		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-5 p.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
		Meeting with States parties whose reports under the Convention have been due for over five years
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 17 July 2003		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 18 July 2003		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**Item 4** (continued)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
628th meeting		
3-6 p.m.	**Items 5 and 6** (continued)	Adoption of reports of the Working Groups I and II
	Item 7	Provisional agenda for the thirtieth session
	Item 8	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its twenty-ninth session